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Paper 1

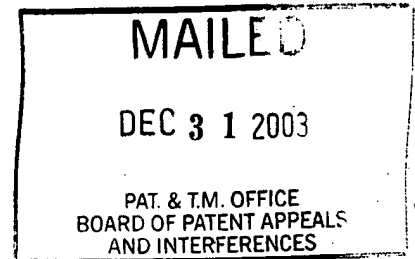
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

PAUL A. ROWLANDS
Junior Party,
(Patent 6,071,077),



v.

DAVID A. SPEAR, DENNIS N. KANTOR,
BRUCE P. BIEDERMAN and JOHN A. OROSA

Senior Party,
(Application 09/874,931).

Patent Interference No. 105,195

NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE
(37 CFR § 1.611)

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties.

Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Part B. Judge designated to handle the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Sally C. Medley has been designated to handle the interference. 37 CFR § 1.610(a).

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Conference call to set dates

A telephone conference call to set dates for taking action in the interference is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on 19 February 2004** (the call will be initiated from the PTO).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See STANDING ORDER ¶ 10.

A copy of a "sample" order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Counsel are encouraged to discuss the order prior to the conference call with the view to coming to some agreement as to dates for taking action. A typical preliminary motion period lasts approximately nine (9) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

The Board is conducting a pilot program in electronic filing of interference papers. The procedure is explained in University of New Mexico v. Fordham Univ., No. 104,761 (2001) (<<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/bpai/its/104761-021.pdf>>). Counsel should be prepared to discuss participation in the pilot program.

Part E. The parties involved in this interference are:

Junior Party

Named inventor: PAUL A. ROWLANDS, Bristol, United Kingdom

Patent: 6,071,077, issued 6 June 2000, based on
application 09/168,968, filed 9 October 1998

Title: Swept fan blade

Assignee: Rolls-Royce PLC

Accorded Benefit: 08/819,269, filed 18 March 1997
GB 9607316.8, filed 9 April 1996

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Senior Party

Named Inventor: DAVID A. SPEAR, Manchester, CT
DENNIS N. KANTOR, East Hartford, CT
BRUCE P. BIEDERMAN, West Hartford, CT
JOHN A. OROSA, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Application: 09/874,931, filed 5 June 2001

Title: Swept turbomachinery blade

Assignee: United Technologies Corporation

Accorded Benefit: 09/343,736, filed 30 June 1999, now Patent No.
RE38,040, granted 18 March 2003

08/559,965, filed 17 November 1995, now Patent No.
5,642,985, granted 1 July 1997

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Part F. Counts and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 18 of Application 09/874,931

or

Claim 23 of Application 09/874,931

or

Claim 1 of Patent No. 6,071,077

or

Claim 8 of Patent No. 6,071,077

The claims of the parties are:

Spear: 18, 19, 22 and 23

Rowlands: 1-13

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Spear: 18, 19, 22 and 23

Rowlands: 1-13

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1 are:

Spear: none

Rowlands: none

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The following heading shall be used on papers filed in the interference. See
¶ 3.5 of the STANDING ORDER.

Paper ____¹

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TITLE OF PAPER

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Part H. Summary of dates for taking action

Times for taking action are set out in the following sections of the STANDING ORDER:

- ¶ 4: date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
- ¶ 5: date for identifying any real party in interest.
- ¶ 6: date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
- ¶ 7: date for accomplishing certain discovery.
- ¶ 8: date for filing clean copy of claims.
- ¶ 9: date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings or claims containing a means plus function limitation.
- ¶ 10: date for filing list of proposed preliminary motions.
- ¶ 13.10.2: dates for filing oppositions to Rule 635 miscellaneous motions and dates for filing replies to oppositions.
- ¶ 14.1.1: date for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
- ¶ 14.2: date for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to objection to admissibility of evidence.
- ¶ 14.3: dates when cross-examination can take place.
- ¶ 15.2: dates for taking action with respect to settlement discussions.

Part I. Order form for requesting file copies

FILE COPY REQUEST

Interference 105,195

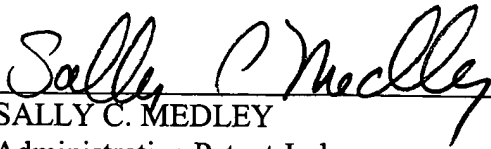
A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a circle by hand around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

1. Charge fees to USPTO Deposit Account No. _____
2. Complete address, including street, city, state, zip code and telephone number (do not list a Post Office box inasmuch as file copies are sent via commercial overnight courier).

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Part J. Signature of administrative patent judge


SALLY C. MEDLEY
Administrative Patent Judge

Date: 12/31/03
Arlington, VA

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Copy of STANDING ORDER

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the preliminary motion phase of the interference (ORDERPM6)

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in the testimony and briefing phases of the interference (ORDERTE6)

PTO Form 850 and examiner write-up

Copy U.S. Patent 6,071,077

Copy of application claims 09/874,931

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